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Payment Methodology for Rehabilitation Services in IHS/Tribally Owned and/or Operated Hospitals and Hospital-Based Facilities

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Provider Types Affected

IHS/Tribally owned and/or operated hospitals and hospital-based facilities

Key Points

- The effective date of the instruction is January 1, 2006.
- The implementation date January 3, 2006.
- The methodology used for paying Medicare Part B therapy services billed by IHS/Tribally owned and/or operated hospitals and hospital-based facilities is being revised.
- Effective for services on or after January 1, 2006, Medicare intermediaries will make payment on claims from IHS/Tribally owned and/or operated hospitals and IHS/Tribally owned and/or operated hospital-based facilities (referred to as IHS/Tribal facilities in the remainder of this article) as follows:
 - Claims submitted on TOBs12X, 13X, or 83X by IHS/Tribal facilities for physical therapy, occupational therapy, speech-language pathology, and audiology services will be paid by the Medicare intermediary, based on the Medicare Physician Fee Schedule (MPFS).
 - Claims submitted on TOB 85X by IHS/Tribal facilities that are also critical access hospitals for physical therapy, occupational therapy, speech-language pathology and audiology services will be paid by the Medicare intermediary on a reasonable cost basis.
 - Beneficiary coinsurance and deductibles apply whether the claim is paid on a reasonable cost basis or based on the MPFS.
 - Until the effective date of January 1, 2006, Medicare will pay IHS/Tribal facilities for these services using the all inclusive rate.

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